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Enclosed for filing are the following papers in connection with the above-identified patent application:

Complete specification and claims.

27 pages Specification

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1 page Abstract

- 2. Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).
- 3. 6 sheets of drawings.
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A filing date under 37 CFR §§ 1.10(b) and 1.53(b) 2001 is respectfully requested. The enclosed materials are being sent "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" as of the date of this letter.

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